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Application No. 09/929,210  
Attorney Docket No. 13031US01**REMARKS**

The present application includes claims 1-28, 30-31, 33, 47, and 49-52. Claims 1-28, 30, 31, and 33-39 were allowed. Claims 41-43, 45, 46, and 49 were objected to, but found to be allowable if rewritten. Claims 40, 44, 47, 50, and 52 were rejected.

Claims 40, 44, 47, and 50-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Saleh, U.S. Pat. No. 6,990,068. Turning to Saleh, Saleh teaches a virtual path restoration scheme using fast dynamic mesh restoration in an optical network. As shown in Figure 1 and discussed in the Abstract and beginning at Col. 2, Line 18, Saleh teaches a method for restoring a failed virtual path in a mesh optical network. Saleh does not teach a source network and a destination network wherein one of said source network and said destination network is a mesh network and wherein said destination network is a network other than said source network, as is recited in claims 40 and 50. Consequently, claims 40 and 50 are respectfully submitted to be allowable, as are dependent claims 41-47, 49, and 51-52.

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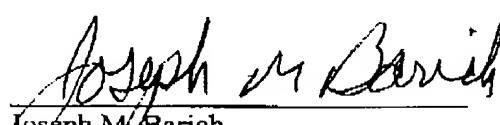
**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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